

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]] 33~~ wherein the benzimidazole compound contains a sulfur radical selected from the group consisting of sulfoxide, alkylthio, and sulfone.

Claims 3-21 (Canceled)

Claim ~~22~~ (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[2]] 33~~ wherein the benzimidazole compound contains a divalent sulfur bridge.

Claim 23-31 (Canceled)

Claim ~~32~~ (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[31]] 38~~ wherein the serine herpetoviridae protease is assemblin.

Claim ~~33~~ (Previously presented) A method of treating a herpetoviridae infection in a subject in need of such treatment, said method comprising treating the subject with a therapeutically effective amount of a sulfur-containing benzimidazole compound, wherein the compound is an inhibitor of a (H<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>) ATPase and an inhibitor of a herpetoviridae protease.

Claim ~~34~~ (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]] 2~~ wherein the benzimidazole compound contains a sulfone radical.

Claim ~~35~~ (Currently amended) The method of claim ~~[[1]] 2~~ wherein the benzimidazole compound contains a sulfoxide radical.

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Claim ~~36~~ (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~34~~ wherein the herpetoviridae is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

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Claim ~~37~~ (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~35~~ wherein the herpetoviridae is selected from the group of viruses consisting of herpes simplex viruses, cytomegalovirus, herpes varicellazoster, Epstein-Barr, HHV6, HHV7, pseudorabies, and rhinotracheitis.

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Claim ~~38~~ (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~34~~ wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.

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Claim ~~39~~ (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~35~~ wherein the herpetoviridae protease is a serine herpetoviridae protease.